

Senate Legislation #84008(D) - Resolution and Recommendations on Parking

Whereas we find,

that the present system of parking is unworkable, unfair, and in certain respects may not be in conformity with Florida law;

that the present system has created an unacceptable atmosphere of anxiety and harassment, materially affecting the morale of the University and frustrating the orderly pursuit of its business;

that current facilities are inadequate to user needs;

the Faculty Senate resolves: that a qualified consultant be hired to make recommendations for a long-term solution to the parking requirements of the University, and to propose interim solutions, to take effect no later than the beginning of the 1985-86 academic year, in consultation with the Faculty Senate, appropriate members of the University administration, and the University community at large.

In addition, the Faculty Senate recommends the following immediate steps:

1. That all decal fees collected by the Parking Administration be transferred to the general University Budget.
2. That all parking fines collected be transferred to a special library acquisition fund.
3. That all individually reserved spaces be eliminated as of the current decal expiration date, except for the President, the Provost, and space reserved for disabled persons.

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~~2/6~~ That the policy of refusing to sell decals to persons who owe fines be abolished.

Report on Parking Task Force

Dr. George Gilpin reported that a draft report was being prepared by the Parking Task Force. Among the problems identified had been a backlog of large delinquent accounts, inefficient processing and redundant billing, and the necessity to reorient parking supervision to provide assistance as well as necessary enforcement. The Task Force has agreed to recommend an ombudsman empowered to settle delinquent accounts and disputes. It will also recommend that enforcement of rules be uniform and that so-called ticket "blitzes" at certain times of the year be eliminated. Other suggestions voiced within the Task Force were: 1) that ticket revenues go directly into the general account; 2) that outstanding fines be reviewed and tickets for minor offenses be dismissed; and 3) that outstanding fines should not prevent the purchase of decals. There was general consensus that parking enforcement should be viewed as a service activity, and not as a revenue-generating one. Discussion followed. Dr. Swan questioned the legality of withholding final paychecks for clearance of fines. Several members suggested that it was inappropriate for Public Safety to have jurisdiction over parking enforcement. Dr. Knoblock reminded the Council that only four categories of fines had been authorized by legislation. It was moved by Dr. Labadie, seconded by Dr. Awad, that annual reports be requested from the Parking Authority and the Parking Appeals Board, and that a six-month notice of all proposed rule changes relating to parking be given by the Parking Authority. The motion carried.

Student Financial Aid Report

Dr. Donald Randolph presented the Report of the Student Financial Aid Committee. It was moved by Dr. Labadie, seconded by Dr. Harrison, to accept the report of the committee; to express sympathy for the conclusions of the report; to recommend items 2 and 3 to the attention of the administration and to request a response; and to appoint a sub-committee to examine the proposals for new committees. The motion carried. It was agreed that Dr. Vance and Dr. Randolph would constitute the sub-committee.

Employee Retirement Plan Insurance

Mr. David Lieberman discussed the status of benefit insurance for the Employee Retirement Plan. Mr. Lieberman indicated that he was awaiting a status report from Mr. Samuel Greenfeder, Director of Employee Benefits. Discussion followed. The Council requested Mr. Lieberman to explore the possibility of making a new offer to enroll in the Defined Contribution Plan in view of the status of the current plan and experience suggesting that the original projections for income under both plans may be flawed. Mr. Lieberman promised a response to this request and a definitive recommendation on the question of insurance by July 15.